

# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church



To glorify God, to grow in faith,  
to give in service, together in Christ



February 11, 2024  
The Transfiguration  
of Our Lord  
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor  
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music  
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator  
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

**Prelude: Alleluia from "Exultate, Jubilate"**

**KV 165**

**Wolfgang Amedeus Mozart**

*Please stand.*

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

**C. To glorify God, to grow in faith, to give in service, together in Christ.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**



P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee**

**ELW 836**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

### **Hymn of Praise: All Glory Be to God on High**

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to  
one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
God for grace and mer - cy!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first four staves correspond to the first four lines of lyrics, and the fifth staff corresponds to the final line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

### **Prayer of the Day**

P. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God, word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 50:1-6



Out of Zi - on, per - fect in beau - ty,  
God shines forth in glo - ry.

- <sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- <sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,  
God shines | forth in glory. R**
- <sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will | not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
- <sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above  
to witness the judgment | of the people.**
- <sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my | loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
- <sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,  
for it is God | who is judge. R**

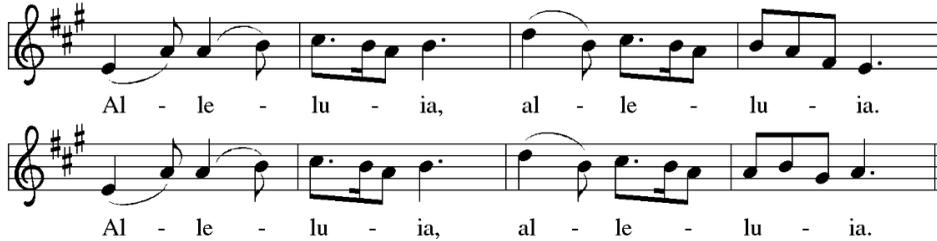
## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The Gospel of the Lord, according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### C. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon: Lifted Up**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**

**HYMN of the DAY: Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

**ELW 318**

## PRAYERS

To the petition “God of grace,” please respond, “Receive our prayer.”

**Temple Talk: Rice Bowl**

**Jean Shaffer**

## GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

**Music at the Offering: (10:30am) Psalm 139**

**Allen Pote**

*Lord, You have searched me and known me,*

*You know everything I do.*

*When I rise up, when I lie down,*

*You are with me, through and through.*

*Before a word is on my tongue, You know what I will say,*

*Your presence follows me day by day.*

*Where can I flee from Your spirit? Where can I go to run away?*

*If I go to Heaven, or live in Hell, You are there.*

*Search me, O God, and know me; Try me and know my heart.*

*See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen*

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



*Refrain*  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **C. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



## Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



P. Holy One, the beginning and the end, giver of life, Blessed are you for the birth of creation...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen**

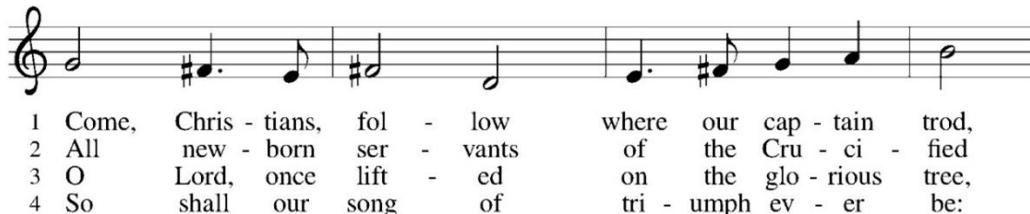
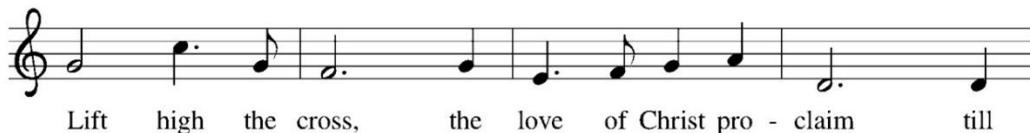
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

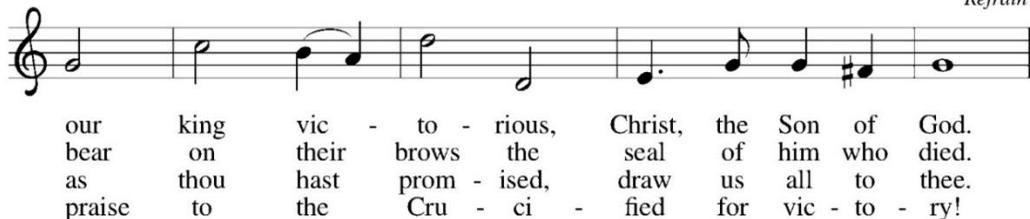
P. The blessing of Almighty God, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **C. Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

ELW 660



*Refrain*



## DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## **“Choir Remembrances of Richard Badman”**

He always had a warm smile and a twinkle in his eye when I entered the choir area.

He was always appreciative of compliments on his work as cantor.

He was a vital member of the choir and a difficult voice to replace. Grace was a better place because of his participation there.

Richard was always a true friend, I only knew him since 2011 from the different singing groups we were in and things at church, I will really miss him.

Richard talked, listened and shared things with me with a kindhearted spirit.

Richard had such a great singing voice which was so great to listen to. We were blessed to have him in our choir. Now he is singing with Betty, and the angels in heaven.

Richard was our 'rock' of the basses. I used to try to get next to him so I could follow him through the song selections.

My favorite memories of Richard are my conversations about education. He always checked in with me and I felt very supported. I will really miss that.

Richard loved to sing, and he became an important part of our choir. He had a subtle sense of humor that could take you by surprise. He was outgoing and tried to be a friend to everyone.

Richard was a quick draw McGraw. He would also beat me out to lecturing dates that I was able to do. Richard was a devoted member of choir who sang his heart out & loved Grace.

Richard had a keen interest in each of the choir members. He always had something to talk about from small towns to sports.

Rich always liked to talk to me about the Phillies and sharing moments about former players. While working as a Part time teller at a Bank one summer, he waited on another Rich who use to write checks that would not be good and was always in a hurry to get his money. Well, he made this Rich wait until he was sure the money was in his account. This Rich was one of the greatest home run hitters for the Phillies known as Richie Allen.

Richard willingly pitched in at every opportunity with a positive outlook. He excitedly sang every type of music given to him. He was so personable, always asking about my activities and my family. He was the true example of a good person. I will miss him!

## Postlude: Crusader's Hymn

Arr. Gordon Young

Please join us for coffee hour in the atrium!



**Virtual Organ:** The Virtual Pipe organ heard in today's worship service is the Schultze Organ of The Church of St. Bartholomew, Armley, Leeds in the United Kingdom. The sound sample set of the organ is produced by Lavender Audio. The sounds of this pipe organ are played in combination with our Allen Protégé Organ.

### Serving today – Thank You!

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Nancy Raabe  
Minister of Music: Kevin Freaney  
Lector: 8:00am, D. Kunkel; 10:30am, J. Shaffer  
Ushers: 8:00am, D. Kunkel & R. Smyrl;  
10:30am, C. & P. MacDonald  
Communion Asst: 8:00am, K. Seiler; 10:30am, F. Stone  
Trumpet: Will Shaffer  
Altar Guild: 8:00am, J. Detweiler;  
10:30am, M.J. Moyer & B. Hess  
Acolyte: 8:00am, Usher; 10:30am, Ushers  
Coffee Hour: Diane Ball  
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00am, D. Capanear;  
10:30am, Crystal Tula  
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

### NEXT WEEK'S

### READINGS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

#### Genesis 9:8-17

*The rainbow, sign of God's covenant*

#### Psalm 25:1-10

*Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast  
love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)*

#### 1 Peter 3:18-22

*Saved through water*

#### Mark 1:9-15

*The temptation of Jesus in the  
wilderness for forty days*

A reminder that Lenten services with the churches of Hatfield begin on February 21.  
See your Parish News for details, and sign up in the narthex to help with the  
reception at Grace on February 28.



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